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WASHINGTON, JUNE 6, 1859.

The Opposition in Maine are thoroughly united, and under the leadership of their nominees for Governor, Hon. H. M. Plaisted, they will give a good account of themselves next September. All the veteran soldiers in Maine know General Hancock. With him on the Presidential ticket, Plaisted would almost certainly be elected.

Those who advocate the nomination this year by the Democracy of some particular civilian are in the habit of saying that the country is tired of the soldier in politics. While it is doubtless true that a majority of the people are tired of the kind of soldier who have occupied the White House for the past twelve years, it should not be forgotten that there are soldiers of a very different kind.

The Democratic party has been three successive times defeated under the civilians it has pitted against the soldiers who have headed its adversaries. It is the essence of Isolationism to refuse to profit by experience, but if the experience of the Democracy up to this point in the war teaches anything it is that the time has come to make the trial of nominating one of those Union soldiers of whom the party possesses so many splendid specimens. It would be a good thing to reverse the experience of the past twelve years, and go into the canvass of 1859 with a gallant and fortune-favored general bearing the Democratic banner.

## THEN AND NOW.

A few years after the peace of 1783 a young Bostonian had fought through the war on the side of the Colonies was conversing one day with an old gentleman in his neighborhood on the question then generally discussed—of the "return of the Tories." It must have been at the time when Patrick Henry exclaimed, "Shall we who have brought the British Lion to our feet now be afraid of his whelps?" The old gentleman gave it as his opinion that the Tories would be allowed to come back, and that, when returned, they would have as much influence as ever. This remark made the young Whig feel sick at heart, and he could not realize the possibility of its verification. But he lived long enough to verify it in his own person. After a long life, marked by many reverses, in which he was the prey of James Greenleaf, and other unscrupulous speculators from 1783 to 1812, it became necessary for him to seek an office in his old age for the support of his mother, then in her ninetieth year, his two sisters, the daughters of a Revolutionary patriot, and his own daughters, three in number. Fortunately, as he regarded it, an old friend, a man of high character, had just been appointed Treasurer of the Commonwealth. The chief clerk in the Treasurer's office was a Mr. Linzee, son of the famous Commodore Linzee, of the British navy, who joined the town of Falmouth, in Maine, and bombarded Gloucester on Sunday, when the people were church, with orders to his gunners to fire on the "Meeting-house," so as to kill as many as possible of the damned rebels. Linzee's place was sought for by the aged Whig. But the influence of the Americans and others (his relatives) was too strong. Linzee was never removed, and in his seventieth year the disappointed applicant for his place at last realized the truth of the prediction made when he was five and twenty.

When the war broke out in 1861 a million of young men in the Northern and Western States rushed to arms in defense of the Union and the Constitution—Whigs, Democrats, Republicans, and Abolitionists. Those young men who survive are now middle-aged or veteran citizens of their respective States, and about equally divided between the Democratic and Republican parties. It is taken for granted they do not regret their course in the war. How then can they be expected, if a sympathizer with secession shall be nominated at Cincinnati, to support him? Human nature will assert itself under all circumstances. After what we have all seen at Chicago, it becomes more than an imperative duty of the Cincinnati Convention to place in nomination for President and Vice President two men of clear Union records, indisputable and above suspicion.

**CAPTAIN JOUETT'S CASE AGAIN.** Connected with the discussion of Captain Jouett's schemes for obtaining promotion to the rank and grade of commander in the Navy, over the heads of some seventeen of his seniors, the following letter, copied from the Texas Journal of Commerce, dated Galveston, April 17, 1859, may interest many of our readers. We forbear to criticise this letter, and leave that to the captain of the Navy who are here characterized as a "miserable set of ——, who were jealous having done nothing themselves during our late war." Another thing is, that it is now evident that the Royal Yacht was a miserable little blockade runner, with only three weeks on board.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
WASHINGTON, March 25, 1859.

MY DEAR Sir: I was nominated for the grade I commanded by the President, but was defeated by a miserable set of ——.

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I am obliged to you if you would write me a few lines on this point of fact, that right.

Yours truly, A. W. PATRICK, Son.

From J. Chapman.

This is a dissertation of the principles of naval warfare, and a book, as was natural, excited a great deal of interest among the naval officers.

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